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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of )  
DINKEL, Jeffrey ) Group Art Unit: 3637  
Serial No.: 09/829,256 ) Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A  
Filed: 9 April 2001 )  
For: **ASYMMETRICAL CONCRETE** )  
**BACKERBOARD (AND METHOD FOR** )  
**MAKING SAME** )

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION****MAIL STOP AF**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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8 August 2003

Sir:

The *Office Action*, marked Final, Paper No. 8, Examiner Phi Dieu Tran A of Art Unit 3637, dated 23 June 2003, has been received and carefully reviewed. In response thereto, Applicant amends Claims to better clarify the patentable distinctions between the cited prior art and the present invention, and respectfully submits that the cited references neither teach nor suggest the present invention.

Applicant further submits that the following amendments place the Application in condition for allowance and/or place the Application in better form for appeal. The amendments *do not* raise new matter issues or raise issues requiring further consideration or searches. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the pending *Final Office Action* for the following reasons and remarks.

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
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Extra Claims Fee from Fee Paid below

Total Claims		- 20** =		X		=	
Independent Claims		- 3** =		X		=	
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for examination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or Reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Requests to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheet	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	375
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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